

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

An Interesting Discussion on Senator Van Wyck's Resolution on the Backbone Gift of Public Lands.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Mr. Blair offered a resolution authorizing the continuance of the investigation of the differences between capital and labor. He said the investigation was practically concluded, and an extension was desired for the purpose of making a report.

Under objection of Mr. Cockrell its consideration was postponed until tomorrow.

Mr. Van Wyck's Backbones resolution was laid before the Senate, and Eustis made a speech upon it. He said a great wrong had been done the people of Louisiana, and he wished to enter his protest against its consummation. The title to the lands was illegal and fraudulent, and set up to defraud the settlers of their rights. This very title had been denounced by the New Orleans and Pacific Company in documents which had been presented in Congress and the Interior Department as utterly baseless and illegal. Everybody was perfectly agreed that the Backbones Company was a nuisance and a disgrace; it never lived for any corporate purpose whatever but was a mere skeleton of a derelict association. Yet, in 1881, by one of the most extraordinary proceedings on record, this derelict company made an assignment to the New Orleans Pacific Company, and it was upon such a title that the latter based its claims. The transfer was a legally vicious and absolutely void. The consideration for the enormous sum of \$5,000,000, one-third of the stockholders denounced the act before the Interior Department as a shame and a fraud. He was glad to know that the Secretary of the Interior was going to investigate this matter, and he hoped that in the future there would be an administration which would be in the interest of the people, and protect them from the rapacity of rich railroad corporations.

Mr. Teller defended his course, and said not a point had been made by the Senator from Louisiana (Eustis) which had not been passed upon by the Attorney General and by the Judiciary Committee of the House. It had been the unbroken rule of the department for sixteen years to issue these patents whenever the parties had complied with the conditions subsequent without reference to time, and that had been done, in nine cases out of ten, without any inquiry whatever. When he was Secretary of the Interior he had issued papers in the same identical manner, which was now called in question, and that, too, without having taken into consideration the opinions of the committee of Congress or the opinion of the House, when, by a majority of forty-two, it had been determined that they should not be issued. If the administration is to come to undo what the late administration had done, it should be done in accordance with the forms of law and in a manner comporting with the dignity of a great administration presiding over the interests of 50,000,000 of people. Could it be done by a resolution of the Senate or speech addressed to the public? Nay, it should be done by its court.

Mr. Van Wyck, referring to Mr. Teller's speech of last week, said, "The Senator from Colorado regretted that every person who has spoken on this subject was not a lawyer, meaning probably a lawyer of railroad proclivities, so that there might be a full record of such lawyers as during most of the last sixteen years had been at the head of the Department of the Interior, making precedents which the Secretary boasted he had followed. It was usual for corporation attorneys to stigmatize a settler as an interloper and speculator. The ex-Secretary, he said, had listened so long to this dialect in the Department that it was natural he should repeat it in his speech, and sneer at such men. All most in the language of Tweed he asked, 'What are you going to do about it?' Referring to Oklahoma, Mr. Van Wyck said the Federal bayonets were pressed against the breasts of hardy pioneers who were impatient to enter the Indian Territory, but there were no bayonets to drive out the cattle syndicates already in the Oklahoma, or to destroy the fences illegally invading millions of acres of public domain. Coming to the subject of the present discussion, Mr. Van Wyck asked why the late Secretary of the Interior was in such hot haste to issue these patents. Why was not the question left to the deliberation of his successor, who could have determined what portion did not properly belong to the road? Even on the admissions last administration, the department had given the land to the Backbones Company as if the entire land had been constructed after the assignment in 1881. The late Secretary of the Interior, in the exercise of his sympathy for Gould and Huntington, urged or consented to a free gift of land for 100 miles of graded road. For a faithful public servant it required no corporation lawyer, nor any other lawyer, to understand this performance. There was another remarkable feature in the transaction. The ex-Secretary, from many years' practice as attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and his long experience in the department, knew that the railroad, to escape State and local taxation, would extend its take patents except as they marketed their lands. Did not this action suggest a strong suspicion that the motive must be fear of the next Congress, or that the incoming administration might not be completely subject to railroad corporation control?

Mr. Teller denied that any utterance of his justified the statement that he regarded settlers as interlopers. Gould and Huntington were great big game, but if they had made anything wrongfully out of the public by conspiracy, whose duty was it to interfere? The dereliction lay at the honorable Senator's own door. The Senator had been a member of the Committee on Public Lands four years, and had never raised his hand to remedy the wrong of which he complained until the Texas Pacific bill came over from the House—no thanks to him.

Mr. Van Wyck defended himself against the charge of inaction. When the Texas Pacific bill was reported he had secured a place for it among the special orders, and twice had the Senate buried it in the body of the calendar.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

A CHURCH QUARREL.

Continuation of the Episcopal Church Trouble at Quincy, Illinois.

QUINCY, Ill., March 16.—The constantly varying trouble in the Episcopal Church here between the Bishop and the Dean took another turn Saturday. Dean Irvine, acting under the published notice that he ignored the entire proceedings against him and would continue his ministry, gave notice to the press Saturday night that he would hold regular services at the Cathedral yesterday. This notice was followed by one from Bishop Burgess that there would be neither service nor Sunday-school. This was again followed by notice from the Dean that there would be service. Yesterday morning early a written notice was tacked on the Cathedral door, announcing that service by the Dean, 10:30.

was soon replaced by a written notice from the Bishop of no service. Thus the matter stood at 10:30, the time for service, when a good number had gathered at the front door. Indignation was manifest among them, and they were not to be disappointed. Some one got into the Cathedral and opened the door, and the Dean held regular service, a congregation of 200 being present. Many were attracted by curiosity to see an expected row. The Dean said the canons required services to be held daily during Lent. It was his duty as Dean to see that they were held, if the Bishop did not see to it, and he intended to do his duty if in his power. What the Bishop will do for this violation of his orders and the breaking into the church is not known. Rumor says he will swear out warrants against the Dean and others for trespass. There is no prospect of a row to the fight.

BEECHER ON HORSE RACING.

Sensational Episode During Sunday's Services at Plymouth Church.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 16.—There was a rather sensational episode in Plymouth Church Sunday morning, indirectly caused, perhaps, by the strong feeling growing out of the vigorous war which is being waged upon Coney Island pool sellers by the authorities of this city. Mr. Beecher was expounding the text, Romans xiv., 22: "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that which he allowseth." In dwelling upon his well-known liberal views as to what amusements are proper for Christian individuals or communities, Mr. Beecher touched upon horse racing. He said that there was no more harm in running one horse against another than in running one boy against another. But when an attempt was made to separate the races from gambling those interested in the courses cried out that it would ruin racing altogether. He pointed out the evils resulting from pool selling, and remarked that he did not think we could afford to feed horses on men; to improve the breed of horses by deteriorating a generation of young men. Some one in the visitors' gallery hereupon shouted out: "It is not true."

"What is not true?" indignantly responded Mr. Beecher as quickly as he could recover from his surprise at the interruption. "If you mean what I said, I say it is true," and in a thundering emphasis. [Applause.] "I have sympathy with everything that enlarges a man, his liberty and his sphere. I have taught that largeness and self-control in the superior sphere of liberty is that which Christianity ought to produce among men, but while I have preached this I have insisted that liberty should be so administered that it should not tempt the ignorant to error, but to inspire and lift them up; and that doctrine I shall teach. [Applause.] That will do," said the preacher, deprecatingly. "When Christ was coming into Jerusalem they tried to make him stop the ears of the people, and he said: 'If you stop the people the very stones will cry out.' Now and then there is an occasion when I think a demonstration in religious assemblies is a good thing, and if it ever was a good thing I think it is today, and on that particular subject." The course of the sermon was then resumed. Before the service Mr. Beecher said he should probably preach next Sunday in Atlanta. "Times have changed," he added laconically.

EATING ON A WAGER.

Over Four Pounds of Liver Pudding, Besides Other Things.

READING, Pa., March 16.—For some time past considerable rivalry has existed between Henry Smith and Joseph Marquette, recognized as Reading's champion eaters. Each claimed that he could outdo the other in the eating line, and finally their friends made arrangements for them to engage in an eating match at Steigerwald's Hotel, on the outskirts of the city. The contest was to have been for a purse of \$20 at a late hour Saturday night. Some of their friends told wonderful stories of their powers, and a large crowd gathered to witness the contest. The diet selected was liver pudding, a greasy dish, which is a great favorite among the Germans. A piece of bread with a small bit of this pudding is sufficient to appease the appetite of the most hungry man of ordinary eating capacity. When the hour arrived Smith's backer announced that his man had outdone himself; that in order to test his powers for this match he had overtaxed himself and felt it from the effects of eating a thirteen-pound turkey. Then Marquette, a skinny man of ordinary height, went at it alone for the purse which was raised for him. A pile of the pudding, which was exceedingly rich and fatty, was placed before him and he went at it. He had fasted for several days, and was overloading an apparently weak stomach. "Time" was called and he commenced, while the hall in which he was eating was crowded to its utmost capacity. He was furnished with bread and liquid refreshments, and ate steadily for twenty minutes, when he took a walk around the square for the food to settle down. He continued eating for an hour, when he had consumed four and one-half pounds of the pudding, which, if put together like sausage, would extend three yards, besides a loaf of bread, ten schooners of beer, five of water, three glasses of whiskey and two quarts of pear cider. His friends then rolled him on a barrel, after which he went home to bed. He is now as fresh as a daisy. His best record is eating two quarts of ice cream at one sitting. He once ate a young pig, roasted entire, and weighing twenty pounds, in one and one-half hours.

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A Family Fight—Arrested for Alleged Stealing.

WINCHESTER, Ind., March 16.—Richard and Seth Connor, brothers, and Charles Gollier, their nephew, engaged in a fight here yesterday, in which all were pretty well done up. Richard Connor received a fearful wound in the left breast. Marshal Fletcher arrested and brought the parties before Justice Canada this morning, who held the trio in \$500 bonds to await the result of the wounded man.

Anna Thompson, colored, was arrested by Marshal Fletcher yesterday and placed in jail on a charge of stealing an overcoat from Cash Benson, also colored. The coat was found in her possession.

Death of a Promising Young Man.

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL. MUNCIE, Ind., March 16.—The sad news of the death of Professor J. A. Lambert, which took place on the train south of Cincinnati this morning, reached his friends here today. He was a former resident of this city but for the past three years has been

one of the principals of the Campbell University, at Holton, Kan. His health failing, last November he went South to spend the winter, hoping that the mild climate of that section might prove beneficial to him. But to the contrary, he declined rapidly. His father has been with him a few days at Citrouelle Ala., where he has been stopping for the past two months, and they were on their way home when it seems death overtook him while yet aboard the homeward bound train. He was twenty-eight years of age, was highly educated and was one of the most promising young men of the West.

Sentenced for Two Years.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 16.—In the Circuit Court today Lewis Kuhn was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for assault with intent to kill a colored man of this city three years ago. After the shooting Kuhn escaped from jail and has eluded the vigilance of officers since that time when he was captured, tried and sentenced.

Do not for a moment let your confidence betray you into supposing yourself incapable of mistake. It is indeed a serious blunder to refuse to take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup when you even suspect you have taken cold.

Drowned.

JACKSONVILLE, March 16.—Captain Fay Winder, of Cincinnati, was drowned last Monday in Indian River, near City Point, by the capsizing of his boat.

A Voice From Italy.

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